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SUBJECT: US/ UK/ NATO SATCOM SHARING FOR 1974

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B. DCA 480/0183, DTG 122130 Z APRIL 1973

C. SACEUR SH 62749/23-41, DTG 080840 Z MAY 73

1. THE CHAIRMAN, SCCPG HAS REQUESTED THAT A TECHNICAL MEETING BE HELD AT THE END OF MAY 1973 TO DEVELOP DETAILS OF A DRAFT US/ UK/ NATO SATCOM SHARING MOU FOR 1974. IN VIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED IN REF C, AND THE IMPACT OF THESE REQUIREMENTS ON US SATELLITE ACCESS VIA NATO GROUND TERMINALS, A REEVALUATION BY THE USG OF THE BENEFITS OF A 1974 MOU HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN. THEREFORE, UNTIL THIS REEVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND A US POSITION IS DEVELOPED, IT IS CONSIDERED PREMATURE TO HOLD ANY FURTHER MEETINGS WITH REGARD TO A SATCOM SHARING MOU FOR 1974.

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REQUEST YOU INFORM SHAPE - CANDE DIVISION AND NICSMA THAT SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

2. FYI. A COMPARISON OF THE 1973 MOU PROVISIONS AND THE 1974 NATO PROPOSED CHANNEL REQUIREMENTS YIELDS THE FOLLOWING:

NATO CHANNEL ACCESSES		US CHANNEL ACCESSES			
SATELLITE	USED IN	REQUIRED	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	
GROUND	73	IN 74	IN 73	IN 74	
TERMINAL					
L1 BELGIUM	22	24	2	0	
L2 GERMANY	16	21	8	3	
L3 US(NORFOLK)	18	24	6	0	
L4 UK	18	24	6	0	
L5 NORWAY	14	20	10	4	
L6 TURKEY	7	12	17	12	
L7 ITALY	9	16	15	8	
M2 CANADA	3	3	0	0	
M3 NETHERLANDS	3	3	0	0	
M4 DENMARK	3	3	0	0	
M5 GREECE	2	3	1	0	
M6 PORTUGAL	3	3	0	0	
TOTAL ACCESSES	118	156	65	27	

3. NOTING THAT IT TAKES TWO CHANNEL TERMINATIONS TO EFFECT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN TWO SATELLITE GROUND TERMINALS, THE 27 PROPOSED US CHANNEL ACCESSES COULD PROVIDE, AS A MAXIMUM, THE FOLLOWING DUPLEX VOICE FREQUENCY (VF) CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE NATO SATCOM SYSTEM FOR 1974.

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WE NOTE WITH CONCERN THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF US CONNECTIVITY AT THE NATO TERMINALS IN THE US AND UK AND THE SEVERE REDUCTION OF CONNECTIVITY INTO THE ITALY AND GERMANY TERMINALS.

4. THE EXTENSIVE REDUCTION OF US CHANNEL AVAILABILITY AS

PROPOSED BY SACEUR HAS RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER SUFFICIENT EXCHANGE OF SATCOM CAPACITY REMAINS TO FORM A BASIS FOR RENEGOTIATING ON THE SAME TERMS AS THE 1973 AGREEMENT. WE ARE PRESENTLY EVALUATING ALTERNATIVES TO THE US NEGOTIATING POSITION. END FYI. RUSH

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